

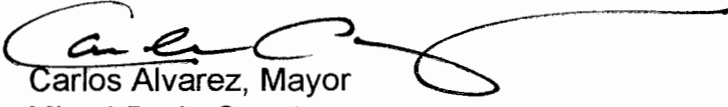


**MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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**DATE:** January 24, 2006

**TO:** George Burgess  
County Manager

**FROM:**   
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor  
Miami-Dade County

**SUBJECT:** Review of procedures for the handling and transportation of inmates possibly infected with communicable diseases

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Given the disturbing events that occurred yesterday in Judge David Young's courtroom involving an inmate that had tested positive for tuberculosis, I am calling for a full review of the Corrections Department's procedures for the handling and transportation of persons possibly infected with serious communicable diseases. Yesterday's incident unnecessarily endangered the health of many innocent bystanders and should never be repeated. The wellbeing of our justice officials, public safety personnel and of the community as a whole should be a primary concern in dealing with potentially life threatening situations.

An immediate review of procedures should begin immediately, with a preliminary report in five days to be followed by a full report in 90 days.

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,  
Board of County Commissioners  
Chief Justice Farina  
Honorable Judge David Young  
Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Court  
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney  
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board